IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, PA 17101

BETHANY DITZLER 1329 Jerusalem Chapel Road, Churchville, VA 24421 CIVIL ACTION - MEDICAL Plaintiff V. PINNACLEHEALTH OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY SPECIALISTS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ACTION 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and PINNACLEHEALTH MEDICAL **SERVICES** 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and UPMC PINNACLE HARRISBURG 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and HARRISBURG HOSPITAL 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and PINNACLEHEALTH 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and PINNACLEHEALTH HOSPITALS, INC. 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and PINNACLEHEALTH HARRISBURG HOSPITAL 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and HANFORD NDLOVU 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A Harrisburg, PA 17101 and BEVERLY A. HALL NDLOVU 100 South 2nd Street, Suite 4A

and :
LEE BLECHER :
14 Canfield Ct. :
Potomac, MD 20854 :
Defendants :

<u>CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS TO</u> PINNACLEHEALTH MEDICAL SERVICES

- I, Thomas F. Sacchetta, Esquire, certify that:
- X An appropriate licensed professional has supplied a written statement to the undersigned that there is a basis to conclude that the care, skill or knowledge exercised or exhibited by this defendant in the treatment, practice or work that is the subject of the complaint, fell outside acceptable professional standards and that such conduct was a cause in bringing about the harm;

OR

X the claim that this defendant deviated from an acceptable professional standard is based solely on allegations that other licensed professionals for whom this defendant is responsible deviated from an acceptable professional standard and an appropriate licensed professional has supplied a written statement to the undersigned that there is a basis to conclude that the care, skill or knowledge exercised or exhibited by the other licensed professionals in the treatment, practice or work that is the subject of the complaint, fell outside acceptable professional standards and that such conduct was a cause in bringing about the harm;

OR

expert testimony of an appropriate licensed professional is unnecessary for prosecution of the claim against this defendant.

/s/Thomas F. Sacchetta
THOMAS F. SACCHETTA, ESQUIRE
Attorney for plaintiff